Orchard Software acquires Corwen

May 3, 2021—Orchard Software has acquired Corwen, LLC, to expand molecular testing LIS support. The two companies have worked together for several years and have mutual customers that perform high-volume molecular testing. Corwen's molecular solution is a smart platform that automates sample tracking, orchestrates workflows and instruments within a lab, and can automatically interpret and convert complex genetic analysis data into reportable results.

"The molecular component of the laboratory market is growing in importance, and it is Orchard's desire to provide the most comprehensive overall solution," Billie Whitehurst, Orchard's CEO, said in a press release. "By partnering with Corwen, who add expertise in molecular workflow and integration, we can more quickly expand molecular testing capabilities for our customers."

Corwen's molecular solution will work alongside Orchard's broader LIS and point-of-care testing solutions. The partnership allows Orchard to boost its COVID-19 testing support, including sample pooling and liquid handler integration.